In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add the following claims:

2. An intelligent agent having a negotiation object comprising:
    at least one first sub-object associated with the negotiation object; and
    at least one second sub-object associated with the first sub-object, wherein a negotiation
    with the second sub-object is satisfied prior to entering negotiation with the first sub-
    object.

3. The intelligent agent as in claim 2, further comprising:
    at least one attribute associated with the first sub-object.

4. The intelligent agent as in claim 2, further comprising:
    at least one attribute associated with the second sub-object.

5. The intelligent agent as in claim 2, wherein the second sub-object and the first sub-object
    are in a hierarchical relationship.

6. A method of forming a negotiation object of an intelligent agent comprising:
    forming at least one first sub-object associated with the negotiation object; and
    forming at least one second sub-object associated with the first sub-object, wherein a
    negotiation with the second sub-object is satisfied prior to entering negotiation with the
    first sub-object.

7. The method as in claim 6, further comprising:
    forming at least one attribute associated with the first sub-object.

8. The method as in claim 6, further comprising:
    forming at least one attribute associated with the second sub-object.

9. The method as in claim 6, further comprising:
    forming the second sub-object and the first sub-object in a hierarchical relationship.

10. A computer accessible medium which when executed by a processor causes the processor
    to perform a method of forming a negotiation object of an intelligent agent comprising:
    forming at least one first sub-object associated with the negotiation object; and
    forming at least one second sub-object associated with the first sub-object, wherein a
    negotiation with the second sub-object is satisfied prior to entering negotiation with the
    first sub-object.

11. The computer accessible medium as in claim 10, further comprising:
    forming at least one attribute associated with the first sub-object.